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SUBJECT: ROGERS BILATERAL MEETING WITH DE LA FLOR

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS.

- 1. ON SEPTEMBER 6, I MET FOR HALF AN HOUR WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR AT PERUVIAN MISSION TO UN IN NEW YORK.
- 2. DE LA FLOR BEGAN CONVERSATION GIVING ME HIS ASSESSMENT OF LIMA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AND EMPHASIZING MODERATE ROLE OF GOP AT CONFERENCE. PERUVIANS SUCCESSFULLY HAVE WORKED TO WATER DOWN BOTH ISRAELI EXPULSION ISSUE AND CHILE QUESTION. DE LA FLOR CHARACTERIZED LIMA MEETING AS ONE OF BEST NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCES. IT WAS, IN HIS VIEW, QUOTE CONFIDENTIAL

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MATURE END OF QUOTE MEETING WHICH HAD MADE MEASURABLE CONTRIBUTION TO QUOTE DIFFERENT END OF QUOTE SPIRIT PREVAILING AT SEVENTH SPECIAL UN SESSION. HE REPORTED THAT SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM HAD ATTRIBUTED CHANGED MOOD AT

SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION IN PART TO COOPERATIVE SPIRIT CREATED AT LIMA MEETING.

- 3. I STRESSED USG'S INTENT TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AND SAID WE WELCOMED NEW SPIRIT. DE LA FLOR THOUGHT KISSINGER SPEECH AT UN SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED, BUT COMPLAINED THAT NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES' PROPOSALS HAD NOT BEEN SO WELL RECEIVED BY U.S.
- 4. DE LA FLOR BROUGHT UP MARCONA NATIONALIZATION ISSUE. HE FELT THAT A CRUCIAL ELEMENT IN NEGOTIATION PROCESS WAS SPIRIT OF GOODWILL, SOMETHING HE IMPLIED HAD BEEN LACKING IN PAST. HE PRAISED JAMES COMPTON, LOCAL MARCONA REPRESENTATIVE, BUT CLEARLY HE DID NOT LIKE SOME OF MARCONA NEGOTIATORS SENT FROM U.S. HE SAID PERU CANNOT CHANGE DECREE LAW BUT HE HINTED THAT ACCOMMODATION (ON COMPENSATION) MIGHT BE REACHED, POSSI3LY INVOLVING TRANSPORT AND SALES ARRANGEMENTS.
- 5. IN HIS VIEW, A PROBLEM IN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS HAS BEEN THAT UNITED STATES HAS ITS SENSITIVITIES AND LATINS HAVE THEIRS, BUT FROM DIFFERENT STANDPOINTS. FEELING OF QUOTE REAL EQUALITY END OF QUOTE IS LACKING BUT NECESSARY. HE THOUGHT THAT EVENTS IN SAN JOSE HELPED ATMOSPHERE IN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS BUT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED IN OUR POSITION ON COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY. I TOLD HIM THAT CAREFUL READING OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION WOULD SHOW THAT WE HAD PERUVIAN POSITION ON NEED FOR COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY VERY MUCH IN MIND IN DEVELOPING CONCEPT OF AN ECONOMIC SECURITY FACILITY. HE ADMITTED THAT HE HAD NOT READ ALL OF KISSINGER'S SPEECH, BUT WOULD SOON DO SO.
- 6. TURNING TO CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP IN PERU, DE LA FLOR STRESSED THAT REVOLUTION WILL CONTINUE ON COURSE. WITH-OUT MENTIONING VELASCO BY NAME, DE LA FLOR OBSERVED THAT ONLY THING WHICH HAD CHANGED ABOUT REVOLUTION WAS PERSON-CONFIDENTIAL

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NEL. HE MENTIONED THAT, IN PAST, PERUVIAN REVOLUTION HAS BEEN LABELED COMMUNISTIC. HE THOUGHT THAT NOW WITH MORALES BERMUDEZ AS PRESIDENT, THESE ACCUSATIONS MIGHT CEASE SINCE NO ONE HAD EVER DARED TO ACCUSE NEW PRESIDENT OF BEING COMMUNIST.

7. REFERRING TO PERU-CHILE RELATIONS, DE LA FLOR ASSERTED THAT AS LONG AS CHILE CONTINUES TO ARM, PERUVIANS WILL DO LIKEWISE. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, DE LA FLOR SAID HE HAS ALWAYS SPOKEN WITH CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL WHENEVER OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED ITSELF. HE COMPLIMENTED ME ON MY FAVORABLE STATEMENT REGARDING DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO BUT THOUGHT THAT IT WAS NOT ENOUGH. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE

SIMILAR STATEMENTS FROM OTHERS IN U.S. GOVERNMENT. PERUVIANS REALLY DO NOT WANT TO SPEND SO MUCH ON ARMS BUT EVENTS IN CHILE FORCED THEM TO DO SO. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT CHILE WAS GETTING LEFTOVER U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM INDO-CHINA WAR. HE WILL MEET WITH CARVAJAL IN NEW YORK IF OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF.

- 8. HE ASKED WHETHER SECRETARY WOULD TRAVEL TO LATIN AMERICA. I REQUESTED HIS VIEWS. HE THOUGHT KISSINGER TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA WOULD UNQUESTIONABLY DEMONSTRATE THAT USG HAD TRUE INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA AND THAT SECRETARY'S CLAIM TO WANT GOOD RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA WERE NOT MERE WORDS. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS USEFUL TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS IN WASHINGTON AT OAS, TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA BY AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD DEMONSTRATE THAT USG CAN GIVE ITS ATTENTION TO NEGLECTED BUT IMPORTANT PART OF WORLD.
- 9. IN CLOSING, DE LA FLOR INFORMED ME THAT ALVARADO DE SOTO, PERUVIAN EXPERT ON TUNA MATTERS WAS READY FOR TUNA MEETING. PERU, ECUADOR AND CHILE HAVE BEEN WORKING TOWARD A GOOD COMMON POSITION.
- 10. COMMENT: DE LA FLOR DELAYED HIS DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK IN ORDER TO MEET WITH ME. THROUGHOUT MEETING, HIS DEMEANOR WAS EXCEPTIONALLY CORDIAL AND REASSURING, CONFIDENTIAL

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ESPECIALLY ON MARCONA ISSUE. HIS CROWING ABOUT LIMA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE WAS TO BE EXPECTED. I FOUND IT INTERESTING THAT HE CAREFULLY PHRASED HIS REMARKS ABOUT POSSIBLE KISSINGER TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA SO THAT HE NEVER MENTIONED DESIRABILITY OF VISIT TO PERU, THOUGH THAT MAY HAVE BEEN HIS IMPLICATION. I CAME AWAY FROM MEETING WITH STRONG IMPRESSION THAT DE LA FLOR WANTED ME TO REALIZE THAT WITH NEW PRESIDENT IN POWER PERUVIANS NOW SEEK IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH U.S. KISSINGER

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